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SUBJ: FINAL TEXT DRAFT CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN PREPARED AT 26TH RESUMED SESSION OF COMMISSION
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF THE FINAL DRAFT CONVENTION TEXT
AS APPROVED BY STYLING COMMITTEE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE
ECOSOC. OTHER SECTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED IN AS APPROVED.

QUOTE

PREAMBLE

THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION,

CONSIDERING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS REAFFIRMED
FAITH IN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, IN THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF
THE HUMAN PERSON AND IN THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN,

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CONSIDERING THAT THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RE-
AFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-DISCRIMINATION AND PROCLAIMS
THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS
AND THAT EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
SET FORTH THEREIN, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING
ANY DISTINCTION BASED ON SEX,

CONSIDERING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVE ON STATES OBLIGATION TO ENSURE TO MEN AND WOMEN THE EQUAL RIGHT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONVENTIONS CONCLUDED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE RESOLUTIONS, DECLARATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THOSE ORGANIZATIONS IN FAVOR OF EQUAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND MEN,

CONCERNED, THAT DESPITE THOSE VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS, EXTENSIVE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN CONTINUES TO EXIST,

RECALLING THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, HAMPERS THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, ON EQUAL TERMS WITH MEN, IN THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND IS AN OBSTACLE TO THE GROWTH OF THE WELL BEING OF SOCIETY AND OF THE FAMILY, AND MAKES MORE DIFFICULT THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTENTIALITIES OF WOMEN IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND HUMANITY,

CONCERNED PARTICULARLY THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS HAS, IN GENERAL, IMPROVED THE POTENTIAL FOR EMPLOYMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SKILLS BUT WITHOUT BENEFITING WOMEN TO THE SAME EXTENT AS MEN,

AFFIRMING THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, FRIENDLY CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
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UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN ALL THEIR FORMS INCLUDING APARTHEID, ELIMINATION OF THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION ARE VITAL IN PROMOTING THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH THEY SHOULD PLAY THEIR FULL PART,

CONVINCED THAT THE FULL AND COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTRY, THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD AND THE CAUSE OF PEACE REQUIRE THE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN ON EQUAL TERMS WITH MEN IN ALL FIELDS,

CONSCIOUS OF THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY WOMEN TO THE PROGRESS OF SOCIETY, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY RECOGNIZED, OF THE SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MATERNITY AND OF THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THE FAMILY AND IN THE REARING OF CHILDREN,

DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST

WOMEN AND, FOR THAT PURPOSE, TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES
TO ELIMINATE DE FACTO AND DE JURE DISCRIMINATION,

HAVE AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 4

1. ADOPTION BY STATES OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL MEASURES AIMED AT
ACCELERATING DE FACTO EQUALITY SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATORY BUT SHALL IN NO WAY ENTAIL, AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE
MAINTENANCE OF UNEQUAL OR SEPARATE STANDARDS AND SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED WHEN THE OBJECTIVES OF EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND TREATMENT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

2. ADOPTION BY STATES OF SPECIAL MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE MEASURES
CONTAINED IN THIS CONVENTION, AIMED AT PROTECTING MATERNITY,
SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATORY.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONVENTION THE TERM "DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
WOMEN" SHALL MEAN ANY DISTINCTION, EXCLUSION OR RESTRICTION MADE
ON THE BASIS OF SEX WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF OR THE PURPOSE OF
IMPARING OR NULLIFYING THE RECOGNITION, ENJOYMENT OF EXERCISE
BY WOMEN, ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY WITH MEN, OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
FIELDS OR IN ANY OTHER FIELD OF PUBLIC LIFE.

ARTICLE 2

STATES PARTIES CONDEMN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND UNDERTAKE
TO PURSUE BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS AND, WITHOUT DELAY, A POLICY
OF ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND TO THIS END:

(A) EACH STATE PARTY UNDERTAKES TO EMBODY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE
EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN IN ITS NATIONAL CONSTITUTION IF NOT
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YET INCORPORATED THEREIN AND TO ENSURE THROUGH LAW OR OTHER APPROP-
RIATE MEANS THE PRACTICAL REALIZATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE;

(B) EACH STATE PARTY UNDERTAKES TO ADOPT LEGISLATIVE AND/OR ALL
OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES, ACCOMPANIED BY SANCTIONS, PROHIBITING
ALL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GUARANTEEING THE REALIZATION
OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS;

(C) EACH STATE PARTY UNDERTAKES TO ESTABLISH LEGAL PROTECTION FOR
THE EQUALITY OF RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN;

(D) EACH STATE PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACT OR PRACTICE
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC AUTHOR-
ITIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTION SHALL ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS OBLI-
GATION;

(E) EACH STATE PARTY SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO TAKE ALL PREVENTIVE MEASURES
TO PRECLUDE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN BY ANY PERSON
OR ORGANIZATION;

(F) EACH STATE PARTY SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES, INCLUDING
LEGISLATION, TO MODIFY OR ABOLISH EXISTING LAWS, REGULATIONS, CUSTOMS
AND PRACTICES WHICH ARE DISCRIMINATORY TO WOMEN;

(G) EACH STATE PARTY SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE ORGANIZATIONS AND EFFO-
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TS WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND ELIMINATE
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